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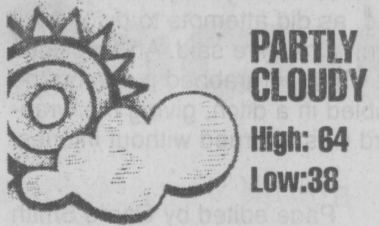
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Leaky pipe culprit in Drinko damages

Ceiling repaired in library Study Center

by CARA D. COOPER
reporter

Construction on the collapsed ceiling in the Study Center of the John Deaver Drinko Library was completed Tuesday, Leslie P. Preece, associate director of customer services said.

Dale O. Allman, director of the physical plant, said the

ceiling caved because of a leak in a sprinkler pipe.

Workers welded the leak to prevent another incident, Allman said.

Preece said the problem was initially thought to have been caused by the heavy rains that hit a week ago. However, the ceiling was inspected after more heavy rains and it was determined that a leaking pipe

was the problem.

The ceiling fell on the morning of Wednesday, Feb. 16, Preece said.

"It was just some plaster and paint that fell," he said.

Although there were students in the Study Center when the ceiling fell, Preece said there were no injuries and no damage to any personal property.

Three of the computers had to be moved to a handicapped room adjacent to the Study

Center to allow work on the ceiling, Preece said.

"Anytime you move into a new building you are going to have these kinds of things," he said. "Ninety-nine percent of everything here is fine."

Physical plant workers completed the repairs. Allman did not have the exact cost of the reconstruction, but he estimated it at less than \$500.

"That includes labor, materials and the hassle of climbing up there to fix it," he said.



Cain Ponton Walker

On the
PATH TO THE
PRESIDENCY

Three teams file for SGA presidency

by RHANDA M. FARMER
reporter

Filing for the spring election ended Tuesday night at 9:15 p.m. with three teams for Student Government Association President-Vice President ready to be placed on the ballot.

Presidential candidates are Adrian B. Cain, Anthony W. Ponton and Bill Walker. Cain's running mate is Nicole Nelson, Ponton's running mate is Patricia A. White and Walker's running mate is Cory F. Dennison.

Candidates attended a mandatory information meeting where they received a copy of the election rules and paid their refundable bond payment.

Election Commissioner Shannon Dean discussed election rules with the candidates. She drew special attention to the official campaigning regulations, the rules regarding candidate qualifications and the vote tabulating procedure.

Candidates were informed of the public debates that the Election Commission arranges and promotes in conjunction



Nelson



White



Dennison

with the election. The public debates will be March 7 from 6-8 p.m. and March 8 from 8-10 p.m. in the John Deaver Drinko Library.

The senatorial candidate for the Lewis College of Business is Misty Skidmore. Candidates for the College of Liberal Arts are James R. Hannan, Nathaniel A. Kuratomi, Jason H. Lea and Derek Scarbro. Candidates for the College of Science are Jason D. Brown, Stanley L. Dixon, Matthew S. Mattson and Donald E. Robinson. The candidate for the Board of Regents is Heather L. Richardson. The candidate for the Graduate School is Patricia A. White. Candidates from the W. Page Pitt School of Journalism are Holly Barker and Homer Dawson.

The election will be March 14 and 15. Absentee voting will take place March 13 in the Student Government Association offices 2W29B.

Editor's Note: Details on the candidates and debate times will be announced later in The Parthenon.

SGA voting laws may be changed

by RHANDA M. FARMER
reporter

Amendments to the Student Government Association election rules were introduced in the Student Senate meeting Tuesday by Shannon Dean, spring election commissioner.

Dean and election co-commissioner Marie Wilson developed the amendments to address concerns with the election rules on voting regulations and polling places.

The current election rules require absentee votes to be accepted in the Student Government Office 2W29B in the Memorial Student Center from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. one polling day before the regular elections. The proposed amendment would end the voting at 4:30 p.m.

"Shortening the hours would allow us to have a single person available for absentee voting," Dean said.

"There were no absentee votes last year," Wilson said. "I don't know how many absentee votes there were the previous year, but I doubt it was more than five."

Wilson said shortening the hours would be unlikely to affect election results.

Accepted polling places according to the current election rules are the MSC, Twin Towers,

Holderby Hall, Corbly Hall, Smith Hall, the Science Building and the Medical School.

The proposed amendment would add the John Deaver Drinko Library to the list of polling places.

"We think Drinko Library would be a fantastic place to have polling," Dean said.

Senators will vote on the amendments at the next senate meeting. The amendments then will be reviewed by the Student Court.

The senate also passed bills allocating funds to Phi Alpha Theta and the Marshall University Student Chapter of the Society of Composers (SCI).

Phi Alpha Theta received \$500 to help fund an educational trip to New Orleans, La. from March 17 to March 23.

About 15 students and two faculty advisers from the international history honors society will take the academic trip. They plan to visit museums in the New Orleans area and look at how historians structure museums.

SCI received \$255 to help fund a trip to Ann Arbor, Mich. for a national student conference. Four students will attend the conference which will explore different styles of music performed by students from across the United States.

Insurance claims at 'standstill'

by RYAN WHEELER
staff writer

Insurance claims are going almost without notice at Marshall these days.

The school has been at a standstill with the West Virginia Board of Risk Insurance Management since July, according to Charles Jones, director of the board.

Jones said Marshall and West Virginia University are the only two state agencies that have not paid premiums since summer 1999. That means internal claims at the state's two largest universities are going unpaid.

"I can not, not take in revenue and pay out claims," Jones said.

The dispute stems from the Legislature and its contribution toward the premiums. Jones said the Legislature pays his agency a portion of the premiums each term. In July, that amount was cut back significantly, leaving Marshall and WVU to pick up the slack.

According to James Schneider, associate dean of finance & administrative medicine, the change left Marshall paying approximately \$700,000 more.

"We are paying the same amount as last year," Schneider said. "We just aren't paying the change."

Marshall did pay close to a \$300,000 premium. The new bill pushes that figure to just under a million dollars, Schneider said. WVU jumped from \$1.9 million to more than \$3 million.

Jones said third party claims are still being honored by the Board of Risk Insurance.

"If a Marshall professor is driving a Marshall car and hits someone, we still pay that. We still protect the school so they aren't sued," he said.

"The problem is how they allocate the money," Schneider said.

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Customers buy lunch at Jericho Bagel and Cafe. The new cafe features bagels, coffee and more.

Bound by bagels ... and fate

by JON P. ROGERS
reporter

Rebecca B. Aviv, Huntington sophomore, is a returning student, majoring in business. Few business students, however, have the opportunity Aviv has had, especially so early in their college careers — to start her own business.

Living in Myrtle Beach for seven years, she and a friend ate in a bagel shop every morning before work. After she returned to Huntington, she looked for a bagel shop here but found none.

"The Chesapeake Bagel Co. was here for a while, then closed," Aviv said.

"I decided one day that if I could find a building for lease, I'd take a semester off from school and open a bagel shop. I literally turned the corner and saw the 'for lease' sign in the window here. That struck me as fate," Aviv said. On Feb. 8 Jericho Bagel and Cafe opened.

"The former tenants were the Double Dribble and, before that, Hulo's. The owner didn't want another bar here and left the property vacant for months. We had to total-

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photos by J. Nesbitt

Amanda Adams, Proctorville sophomore, talks with another employee of Jericho Bagel and Cafe. Adams is a server.

Exhibit to showcase art from current, retired faculty

by CHARLENE L. CORNELL
reporter

After a juried student art exhibition, it's now the faculty's turn to show off their artistic skills.

The Birke Art Gallery will open the Marshall University Faculty Exhibition with a reception beginning at 7:30 p.m. tonight.

The exhibition is the first event of an ongoing celebration of the College of Fine Arts' 15th anniversary. Full-time, part-time and retired faculty have taken part in the show.

"It is a very strong show," Mary Cook, director of Birke Art Gallery, said. "There's a wide range of mediums used. It all relates well together. Art work the professors donated is recent."

Professors contributing to the exhibit include Earline Allen, Michael Cornfeld, Jonathan Cox, Mary Grassell, Peter Massing, Susan C. Power, Robert Rowe and Stanley Sporny.

"It gives art students an opportunity to see what we're interested in," Cornfeld said. "It is a terrific show that dis-

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photo by Charlene L. Cornell

Mary Cook, director of the Birke Art Gallery, looks at an artist's work from the Faculty Exhibition.

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Bush wins Virginia primary

by **RON FOURNIER**
The Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Va. — George W. Bush rode a wave of support from party regulars and the religious right Tuesday to defeat John McCain in Virginia, slowing his rival's momentum on the brink of next week's critical 13-state Republican presidential showdown.

The see-sawing Republican presidential race was fought also in North Dakota and Washington State, though the bulk of the day's delegates were being handed out in the heart of the old Confederacy.

"I've proven I can bring Republicans out in big num-

bers," Bush told The Associated Press in a telephone interview. The Texas governor's victory was projected based on surveys of Virginia voters conducted by Vo-ter News Service, a consortium of the Associated Press and television networks.

Bush won because Republican voters overwhelmed independents and Democrats who crossed party lines in support of McCain. One day after the Arizona senator labeled Pat Robertson and certain other evangelical leaders "agents of



Bush



McCain

intolerance," religious conservatives accounted for 20 percent of the Virginia vote. They backed Bush 8-to-1.

Every region of the state was going for Bush, including the more moderate suburbs outside Washington, D.C.

Former ambassador Alan Keyes, the only other GOP candidate, lagged far behind in polls.

Bush's victory fit a pattern set in the early primary fights: McCain wins if non-Republicans swarm to GOP primaries; the Texan wins if Republicans dominate their pri-

maries and caucuses.

In New Hampshire and Michigan, site of McCain's two victories over Bush, Democrats and independents accounted for about half the total vote. In South Carolina and Virginia, two Southern conservative states won by Bush, two thirds of the vote came from self-identified Republicans.

Virginia's results could portend problems for McCain as the campaign heads into states such as California and New York that bar or place restriction on non-Republican voting. In upcoming primary states, Democrats will conduct competing elections that could siphon votes from McCain.

Bradley prepares TV ad, Gore focuses on GOP

by **SANDRA SOBIERAJ**
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Bill Bradley is preparing to argue his case against Al Gore directly to the nation in a paid, five-minute network TV appearance Thursday night.

"People make up their mind in the last week," said Bradley, promising to continue to reach out as "the only reform candidate on the Democratic side" in an election where "reform is a good thing."

Bradley arrived in San Francisco late Monday night, ready to focus on one of the most crucial states in next week's "Super Tuesday" rush



Gore

Gore's old record in Congress of opposing tighter gun controls, but acknowledged a struggle. "We have a way to travel here in California," he conceded in an interview with San Francisco's KPIX-TV.

Bradley campaign spokesman, Eric Hauser, squashed hopes in the Gore camp that Bradley's unusual, and unexpected, prime-time nationwide appearance on CBS Thursday might be a concession speech.

To the contrary, declared Hauser, "We will, in a dramatic moment, make a strong personal case for Bill Bradley's candidacy and why he would make a better president than Al Gore."

Still, in these final days before the decisive "Super Tuesday" primaries next week,

the Bradley network TV ad, which has not yet been taped, amounts to a "Hail Mary" pass from the insurgent who has been dropping further behind in polls and is in desperate need of something to shake up the race.

He took a calculated risk by concentrating on Tuesday's non-binding primary in Washington state, hoping a win there would help him overcome the vice president's formidable lead in time for the March 7 primaries in California, New York and other states.

"We're going to do the best we can," Bradley before leaving Washington state and a week of campaigning there.

Granny finishes walk for campaign reform

by **SANDRA MARTINEZ**
The Associated Press



Doris Haddock, a.k.a. Granny D, used skis for part of her trek across America. She is trying to increase voter turnout.

WASHINGTON — A 90-year-old great-grandmother says she began walking a year-long 3,200-mile trek to Capitol Hill to convince members of Congress to pass meaningful campaign finance reform legislation.

Supported by volunteers and a donated van, Doris Haddock or Granny D, as she has come to be known, has walked an average of 10 miles a day, six days a week since she left Los Angeles on Jan. 1, 1999. The only exception has been a four-day hospital stay to treat dehydration she suffered while crossing the Mojave Desert.

The Dublin, N.H., nonagenarian began her travels because she was concerned about low voter turnout in national elections.

"Only 49 percent of the people vote and the reason they don't vote is because they think

all politicians are crooks," she said. "But they are not crooks, they have just been elected in a corrupt government."

Along the way, she caught the attention of presidential candidates Bill Bradley and John McCain, both supporters of campaign finance reform. She also was the opening speaker at the Reform Party Convention in Dearborn, Mich.

Additionally, she has traveled to Massachusetts, Colorado, Illinois, Missouri and Connecticut to support state and local campaign reform efforts.

"I hope this creates an interest in campaign finance reform throughout the country," Haddock said. She explained it's an issue that cannot be adequately addressed until the influence of big money is reduced in politics.

"It is important for my great-grandchildren to be here," said Haddock, who was accompanied by great-granddaughter Kendall

Lawrenz, 4, when she arrived in Washington on Monday. "I thought it would be a good legacy for them if I could plant a seed to try to stop what is going on in our government."

Also joining Haddock was Kim Demark, 22, who is walking to New York from Dayton, Ohio, to fight for welfare reform. "She asked me to walk with her and I feel honored. I support her. I stopped my walk today to come and support her," Demark said.

McCain's victory in Michigan and New Hampshire was a form of "revolution," said Haddock, who backs a bill sponsored by the Arizona senator and Sen. Russ Feingold, D-Wis., that would ban "soft money" contributions to candidates from political action committees and other non-candidate organizations. But she said even more comprehensive reform is needed.

Philip Morris discusses governmental tobacco regulation

NEW YORK (AP) — Philip Morris Co., the nation's largest tobacco producer, is willing to negotiate over government regulation of the industry, according to a company official.

Senior Vice President Steven Parrish discussed it with The Wall Street Journal and The Washington Post. A formal announcement would come Thursday.

Parrish said he has met with several lawmakers of both parties to discuss the company's "willingness to open up a dialogue and look at the right regulatory approach," once the Supreme Court rules on a pending case involving the Food and Drug Administration's bid to claim

"I could see at some point in the future an appropriate way to regulate tobacco products."

Steven Parrish,
Philip Morris senior vice president

jurisdiction over tobacco as a drug that should be regulated.

"We realize there are legitimate issues involving our products," Parrish was quoted as saying on the Journal's Web site.

"I could see at some point in the future an appropriate way to regulate tobacco products," Parrish said in Tuesday's Post.

FDA officials contacted Monday

night by The Associated Press said they were unaware of Parrish's statements and had no comment. Messages left for Philip Morris officials were not immediately returned.

The statements are a departure from the industry's long-held stance against government oversight.

The industry said it would be open to regulation on terms that

needed to be negotiated. Industry executives oppose restrictions by the FDA and have said if the agency prevails before the Supreme Court, they will lobby Congress for regulations more to their liking.

But, according to the Journal, Philip Morris said that even if the high court rules the FDA doesn't have authority over the industry, the company still wants to talk about establishing federal regulation of cigarettes.

The comments come amid a push by Philip Morris to improve its public image, including a \$100 million campaign to publicize how it has helped disaster victims, the hungry and abused women.

Clinton declares federal disaster for 20 flooded W.Va. counties

CHARLESTON (AP) — Twenty counties recovering from recent flooding were declared federal disaster areas Monday by President Clinton.

"The declaration means federal aid in the form of grants, loans and other assistance will be available to residents and business owners."

Counties covered by the declaration are: Barbour, Braxton, Cabell, Calhoun, Doddridge, Gilmer, Harrison, Jackson, Kanawha, Lewis, Marion, Mason, Monongalia, Putnam, Ritchie, Roane, Tyler, Upshur, Wetzel and Wirt.

At least three people died in Kanawha County when heavy rains hit portions of the state Feb. 18.

The victims were being evacuated from a flooded gas station when the boat they were in capsized.

One of the victims was found two days later on the Ohio River, about 144 river miles away.

The flood assistance, to be coordinated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, can be used to pay for temporary housing, minor home repairs and other disaster-related expenses.

Low-interest loans will be available from the U.S. Small Business Administration.

The declaration also makes federal money available to the state for repairs and for projects to reduce future flooding.

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Documentary of a principled man

Black History Month ends with tribute to Charleston native

by CARA D. COOPER
reporter

Editor's note: Information for this story was compiled from a university news release and the documentary on WVPTV.

Marshall University rounded out Black History Month Monday with the premiere of MotionMasters's production "A Principled Man: Rev. Leon Sullivan" and by presenting the John Marshall Medal for Civic Responsibility to the Rev. Sullivan.

The documentary which aired on West Virginia Public Television told the story of Charleston native, the Rev. Leon Sullivan, noted minister, educator and human rights activist.

Sullivan, the son of an eleva-

tor operator and a movie theater janitor, grew up in the impoverished and segregated community of Washington Court.

He remembers having to walk on the "colored side of the street" to deliver laundry to his grandmother's customers.

Sullivan said the defining moment of his life came when he was 8 years old as he tried to buy a soda at a white lunch counter. Sullivan recalled the clerk said to him, "Stand on your feet black boy, you can't sit down here."

Sullivan said, "It was then I decided I was going to stand against that kind of thing for the rest of my life."

Sullivan graduated from West Virginia State College in 1943 and went on to Zion Baptist Church in Philadelphia. He increased the church's membership from 600 to 6,000 and became known as "The Lion from Zion."

It was in Philadelphia that

"It was a challenge to take this man's incredible life and condense it to 60 minutes."

Diana Sole,
executive producer

Sullivan began his quest to create more jobs for minorities. He organized pastors from more than 400 black churches and implemented a strategy called "selective patronage," meaning "don't buy where you don't work."

It was through these boycotts that companies were forced to hire more minorities.

Sullivan discovered, however, that "more often than not" the minority population was unprepared for jobs.

This prompted Sullivan to found the Opportunities Industrialization Center (OIC), which provided practical training for black Americans.

Today there are 76 centers in the United States and 33 cen-

ters in 18 different countries. They are responsible for the training of more than two million people worldwide.

In 1971 General Motors asked Sullivan to join their board, making him the first African American to serve on the board of a major U.S. Corporation.

In 1975 Sullivan was described as "the most hated man in South Africa" due to his efforts to end apartheid in that country.

This became evident when Sullivan tried to leave the country and was detained and strip searched. In a sermon Sullivan said:

"And there I was, a member of the board of General Motors,

pastor of one of the largest churches in the world, the founder of the largest training program on the globe, standing there before that man in my underwear... And people wonder how the Sullivan Principles started. They started in that little room."

The "Sullivan Principles" is a code of conduct for American companies operating in South Africa. In 1999 the United Nations issued the Global Sullivan Principles. They encourage multinational companies to take a more active role in the promotion of social and human rights.

In 1991 Sullivan created the African/African American Summit to form a stronger bond between the two continents. The fifth summit took place last year in Ghana, West Africa.

He also founded the International Foundation for Education and Self Help, which trains teachers and oversees

the building of schools in Africa.

In 1992 Sullivan was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President George Bush. It is the highest award the United States can bestow upon a civilian.

Sullivan also received the Eleanor Roosevelt Human Rights Award in 1999 from President Bill Clinton.

Executive Producer of the film, Diana Sole said, "It was a challenge to take this man's incredible life and condense it to 60 minutes."

And the film's producer, Beth Carenbauer said, "This is a story that is critically important to American history, to West Virginia history and certainly to African American history that until now has not been told."

Today Sullivan continues his message and preaches to children, "If you have faith and a grain of mustard seed, you can move mountains."

Bagels

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ly gut the interior. Just the renovations alone cost \$50,000. That doesn't include equipment and furnishings. So, anyone who hasn't been in here since it was the Double Dribble is in for a big surprise," Aviv said.

The restaurant can seat 48 and a smoking section, partitioned from the rest, will be opened within a month, Aviv said.

"I hope to eventually turn the back into an Internet café and coffee club," she said. "It'll have couches and everyone who joins will have their own unique mug hanging on the wall."

M. Aaron Nelson, Cumberland Md., senior, visits Jericho at least once a week.

As a graphic design major,

most of Nelson's classes are in Smith Hall.

"It's very convenient, and so it's big with art students. The atmosphere is laid back, you don't feel rushed when you sit down," Nelson said.

The food is also an attraction for Nelson.

"There's not much near campus except fast food. It's nice to have another choice. Very affordable you can pick up some good stuff here, particularly the cookies."

Virginia Beach senior Kim. J. Curry echoed Nelson's comments.

"I like the food, the prices aren't bad and it's a good atmosphere. One reason I like being here is because it's bright and airy and open-looking, with all the windows."

"They play good music, too. A lot of people I know come here. It's a perfect place to meet with

your friends between classes and catch up on gossip."

As the name implies, the restaurant offers various types of plain and flavored bagels and coffees. The menu includes traditional breakfast foods such as eggs, bacon, sausage, croissants, muffins and pastries. In addition, Jericho serves deli sandwiches on homemade bread, as well as salads.

"I'm really trying to cater specifically to Marshall students, to give them an inexpensive, good quality alternative," Aviv said. "We didn't hire cooks either. I wanted certified chefs with culinary training," Aviv said.

David W. McCann, Huntington sophomore, works at Jericho.

"I do everything from washing dishes to waiting tables. It's good experience and, for me, it's great because I don't do the same

thing all day. (Aviv) is also flexible with us. Almost everyone here, except the chef, goes to Marshall and she's been very accommodating about working around our schedules," McCann said.

The restaurant's name was suggested by Aviv's Myrtle Beach friend. "She's from the Middle East where bagels originated," Aviv said. "Jericho is an ancient, Middle Eastern city so it just made sense."

Aviv acknowledges some problems with service. "We're addressing that. Fast food franchises receive huge manuals on creating the most effective assembly line," she said. "We're having to develop our own system. Also, we're very big on presentation; sandwich plates are always garnished. I'm looking at ways now we can be more organized and shave minutes off (the wait) during the rush times."



Mike Kasey, president of Gamma Beta Phi, poses with a group of visiting Japanese students who attended a Marshall football game with the honor and service organization.

Honor organizations recruiting members

by ELINE M.
LOEFGREN SKEIDE
reporter

While sororities and fraternities have been in the process of recruiting members for several weeks now, other members of the Greek community only are beginning their membership drives.

Among these organizations is Gamma Beta Phi.

Gamma Beta Phi is an honor and service organization for students in colleges and universities. The organization is nonprofit and membership in Gamma Beta Phi does not prevent anyone from participating in other organizations.

"Gamma Beta Phi incorporates community service and social events into their involvement on campus," said Melinda Phares, a sophomore from Circleville, W.Va.

Phares became a member after her freshman year.

Gamma Beta Phi is one of many honor societies on campus. It is, however, one of only two societies that concentrate on general academic success.

Phi Eta Sigma is the other honor society on campus that concentrates on general academic success.

It concentrates on academic excellence in students' freshman years. To be eligible for membership students must get a grade point average of 3.5 or higher their first or second semester.

"It is not easy to get a 3.5 in your first year, so it is quite an accomplishment we honor," said Linda P. Rowe, adviser for Phi Eta Sigma and director of Judicial Programs.

In 1999, Phi Eta Sigma inducted 160 members. More than 400 prospective members received invitation letters during winter break. This year Phi Eta Sigma hopes to induct 200 new members.

While Phi Eta Sigma is not a social organization, Gamma Beta Phi performs numerous community service projects every semester.

"Personally, I realize that you can have all the scholastic success you want, but if you don't give back to the community you're not a complete student," said Mike Kasey, president of Gamma Beta Phi.

Gamma Beta Phi invites the top 20 percent of the student body to join every year. This year, 956 people are eligible for membership.

Kasey and Gamma Beta Phi are getting ready to invite new people to join within the next two weeks.

Their goal is 250 new members.

Art

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plays variety of work."

"This event is wonderful for the university community and the community as a whole," Donald Van Horn, dean of COFA, said. "They can see how talented the art faculty really are."

Retired professors June Kilgore and Robert Hutton contributed to the show. Kilgore

was the chairwoman of the department of art.

"It's nice to have a faculty show with faculty that has since retired," Van Horn said. "It makes the show a celebration in history."

"They helped shape the art department," Cook said. "It is important to remember them and their impact on the department."

The show offers art students inspiration and perspective.

"It is important that art students see first hand what the

faculty work on," Van Horn said. "First as a source of inspiration for them. Good art is about perseverance. The show is the best way to see this first hand."

"It gives students perspective," Bruce Brylinski, art appreciation lecturer, said. "Teachers are not just teaching. They're working artists."

The exhibit runs through March 9.

Gallery hours are Monday from 10 to 7 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday through Friday 10 to 4 p.m. Closed Saturday and Sunday. The gallery is free to the community.

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The premiums are close to what they were six or seven years ago before the Legislature pumped more money into the cause. After paying a major portion for that long, the reduction comes as a shock to the universities.

"It is between the schools' administration, Legislature and my board now," Jones said.

The groups have met a few times and conducted several telephone conferences. Jones was eager to end the dispute quickly. Schneider also hoped for a quick resolution but said the situation could drag out for a while.

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OUR views

Vote just for the fun of it

Tuesday, three teams of two people each signed up to lead the Student Government Association — and Marshall — for the next year.

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It's the same story every semester — student apathy for campus politics.

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There's light at the end of the tunnel

Stop for a minute and take a deep breath. There, that's better.

We are officially in the eighth week of the spring semester. For many students, that means midterms.

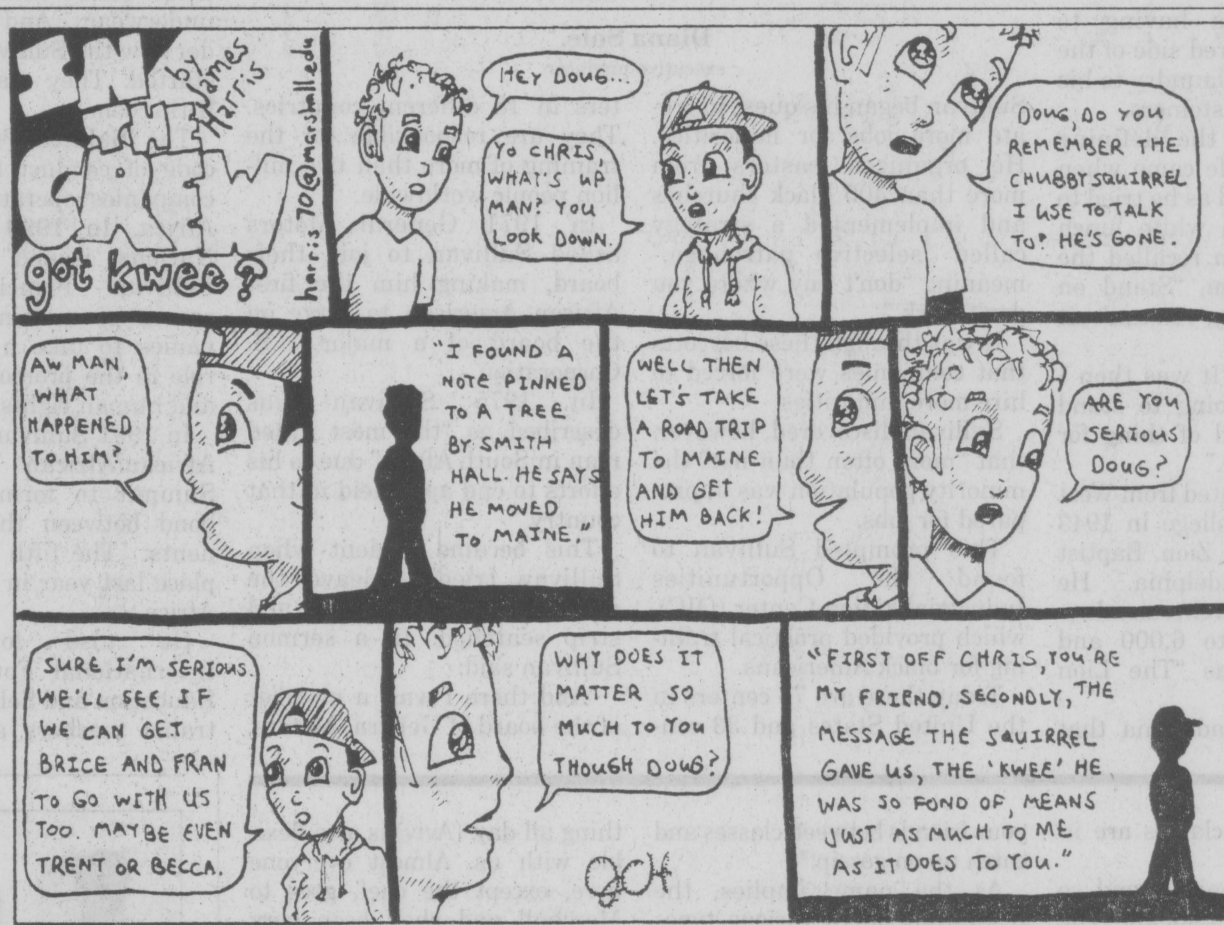
We've all been running ourselves ragged this week with exams and papers and speeches and homework.

Oh yeah, we also have lives outside of school, although that may be debatable for some people who also work part-time jobs and take care of their families.

The work seems to pile up faster than the dirty dishes.

Look at the big picture. We're all very lucky to have the opportunity to be in college. For all of the hard work and the late nights, it will all pay off in the future.

So, take some time to take care of yourself and relax. The light at the end of the tunnel is getting brighter.



HIS view

The research suggests Gays are minorities

by JONATHAN SUTTON
guest columnist

Upon reading the letters to the editor of The Parthenon, along with the guest column by Jasper Black, I would like to explain why the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered community is a minority.

Utilizing the \$30 million John Deaver Drinko Library, let me present what I have found. Beginning in the Reference Section on the first floor, I consulted the Webster's Dictionary. A minority group is defined as "1. A group of persons or things numbering less than half a total. 2. A racial, religious, political, national or other group regarded as being different from the larger group of which it is part."

Next, searching databases such as Cambridge Scientific Abstracts, Webspurs and ERIC, I found that sexual orientation being regarded as a "choice" is old school. There are many factors that point to a genetic alteration and the levels of H-Y antibodies that appear to confirm that sexual orientation is indeed genetic and not a choice.

Researching through the Readers' Guide to Periodical Literature, I found more of the same information in professional magazines and journals.

Now, deciding I need to further educate myself (and possibly you), I ran a check on VTLS Gateway, coming across multiple titles confirming that scientists have indeed proven that homosexuality is genetic. I have also found that, according to Jet Propulsion Laboratories, in research done by Drs. Carl Sagan and Reid Thompson of Cornell University, there is microbial life on one of the moons of Saturn. Imagine that! Being born gay is as natural as there being life on other planets!!!

Where was I going with all of this? Oh, yeah — minorities. Well, it does seem by definition that being gay is as much of a minority group as being from the South, a member of a religious sect (which, by the way, the United States was founded by religious minorities, fleeing persecution from Europe), having political ties to the Reform Party or even being a graduate of Kentucky State University on Marshall's campus. So, without a doubt, I AM a minority in many ways, being gay is just one small faction.

Now, why would I address concerns to Dr. Betty Cleckley, Vice President for Multicultural Affairs and International Programs? To begin with, it was a recommendation by none other than President Dan Angel. Secondly, a culture is defined as "the totality of socially transmitted behavior patterns characteristic of a people."

Multicultural would be defined as more than one of these. By this definition alone, every group, no matter how large or how small, is a representative of multiculturalism on this campus.

Furthermore, I did not know that scheduling a meeting, appearing at the appropriate time and being asked in was ever considered "barging in" as Mr. Black likes to call it. Delta Lambda Phi has followed all guidelines and channels set forth and recommended by Marshall in looking into the defacement of posters and solutions to prevent this or further incidents from occurring again.

Is the university working towards resolution of recent problems? Yes, it is. Is it working to promote understanding and education? Yes, it is. While it might be the desire of myself, and others, for the process to move quicker, let me state that I could not be happier in the fact that the university is moving forward on the issues and recommendations presented to the Committee on Multiculturalism by Delta Lambda Phi, The Lambda Society, the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Outreach Office and the sub-committee on GLBT topics. I applaud the offices of all parties involved.

Most specifically, to Mr. David Harris, director EEO and Equity Programs; Dr. Donalee Cockrille, dean of Student Affairs; Dr. Earnest E. Middleton, assistant vice president for Multicultural Affairs and International Programs; and Dr. Betty Cleckley, vice president for Multicultural Affairs and International Programs and chairwoman of the Committee on Multiculturalism — all of those people have shown they care and have offered their support.

Am I stating that Delta Lambda Phi represents a minority? Yes, I am!

Are the members of Delta Lambda Phi diverse, including being multicultural? Absolutely! With Delta Lambda Phi asking for "Equal Rights, not Special Rights", I do not understand the concern of Jasper Black, and others like him. To promote a world of understanding, everyone should be treated equally.

Next time you need answers to questions, Mr. Black, please remember that the same \$30 million library you used to type a letter on a computer, also holds vast amounts of reference tools and resources. I encourage you to give them a try and research all aspects of your argument.

Sutton is president of the Delta Lambda Phi colony at Marshall.

I am the builder of my destiny

*Fool enough to almost be it
Cool enough to not quite see it
Dream...*

Greetings and salutations. I believe the best way for me to begin might be with some words of caution to my readers ... for those who do not wish to read this child's attempt to make sense out of the rambling voices in his head, turn the page. And for those who wish to continue, be forewarned, this is what you get, when you mess with us.

Writing this is a humbling experience. This will be my first journey into the realm of writing for public consumption. Rather odd, I would think, coming from a man who has always fancied himself a writer.

The point I'm driving at would be it's hard overcoming fears. Fear of public ridicule, fear of being exposed for what I really am, fear of not being what I had always hoped I was. But that's the trick, isn't it? Looking the world in the face and screaming, "I'm mad as hell and I'm not going to take it anymore!"

So I have now freed myself from the cultural pressures that have kept me silent to offer this simple, clichéd bit of advice:

Believe in yourself. Don't allow the fake plastic people that clutter the landscape of life blind your view of what lies on the horizon. Ignite a flame and watch them all fade away.

The spark for this rant has been lit by my past reliance on



JASON
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others to make me feel happy or satisfied with my life. My mind has been emerged in self-doubt that could only be erased through the company of another.

However, I have now realized that doubting my worth as an individual only stifled my growth into adulthood. For several years, I rowed down this self-inflicted river of deceit only to get caught up in the current, grasping for the comforts of the elusive banks. Thank God I finally recognized that the oars were in my hands.

So it is now my time to let go of loss and unlock my fears in an effort to help those out there experiencing similar feelings of doubt to break free from the chains and locks in their minds. Stop whispering and start screaming who you are.

I am a man who will no longer be a burden on the back of humanity. I am not here to cause problems in other people's lives for it has only hindered my growth as a human.

I also refuse to purposely cause anymore pain by my name. And to you, who I have hurt, I can only offer this sincere and public apology. I never allowed my true feelings to govern my actions. I feel as if I existed as a guinea pig con-

ditioned by people in the world who have no better understanding of life than I do. However, I have since realized that by simply holding on to my own hopes and dreams, without mind-numbing distraction from others, I will be capable of building my chosen destiny.

I now place my happiness in my own hands. I will not allow the misguided thoughts of others to again influence what or how I think. This is my life, so I don't care what you say.

Friends, I have just recently rediscovered my lust for life. It had been buried away, locked in memories of ancient childhood rituals. However, I'm free again to tell those out there that self-induced depression can be overcome by not getting caught up in the current. You simply need to grab the oars and begin rollin' ... rollin' ... rollin' down the river.

I will guide my own way into the future. I will no longer place my happiness in the hands of others, for I have somehow already lived through the disastrous consequences.

It is now my time. I can feel the force guiding this delusional Jedi onto the dancefloor of hope. Phew!

For a minute there, I lost myself.

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Click on a link, feed the world's hungry

by AARON J. WULF
Indiana Daily Student (Indiana U.)

(U-WIRE) BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Every day, 800 million people go hungry worldwide. But one Bloomington man used an ingenious idea to make a difference in their lives. His approach couldn't be simpler: Just click on his Web site daily, and his sponsors will donate money to feed the hungry.

John Breen, a 42-year-old computer software programmer, originally wanted to create an organization on the Internet to promote literacy for children in Third World countries. But after he realized 24,000 people across the world

were dying every day from hunger, he decided that no literacy program could stop this life-threatening problem.

That's when he launched www.thehungersite.com to be part of the solution. All visitors have to do is click on the "Donate Food" button on the Web site, and three seconds later the donation will be made. Breen's site doesn't ask for names or background information, and visitors won't get early morning calls from solicitors. The obligation ends with the click.

Since June 1, more than 44 million contributions have been made by people all over the world. With every click, each sponsor donates ¼ cup of

rice, corn or other food staples to one of 80 nations to help feed the hungry. The United Nations World Food Program dispenses food to the nations most in need. All it takes to make a difference is three seconds and a connection to the Internet.

Author Edward Everett Hale once said, "I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something; and because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do something I can do." While you can not solve the problem of world hunger by yourself, you can make a difference on a daily basis.

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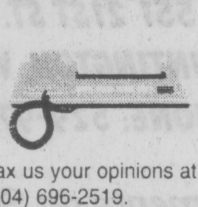
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Herd women's team ends season with third loss to the RedHawks

by MICHELLE JAMES
reporter

Marshall's women's basketball team ended its season Monday with a 78-68 loss to Miami in the first round of the Mid-American Conference Tournament.

The Thundering Herd ends the season at 8-20 overall and 2-14 in MAC play.

The loss marked the third time Marshall has fallen to Miami this season, including an 85-78 setback Feb. 22.

Marshall Coach Juliene Simpson said despite the outcome, she was pleased with the team's play.

"I'm really proud of the girls," Simpson said. "They worked hard, but they just couldn't close the deal."

The Thundering Herd was led by the 17 points of senior guard Brandy Robertson, the only remaining player from the 1996 Marshall Southern Conference

Championship Team.

Junior forward Yashico Stevens poured in 16 points in the effort. She was followed by junior forward Toni Patillo with 13 points.

Robertson said the thought of returning to the NCAA Tournament was what inspired her strong play.

"I'm the only one on the team who knows what it feels like to go to the NCAA Tournament," she said. "That's all I was thinking about last night. I didn't want it to be my last game."

"I always play hard, but last night [Monday] something was in me and I just tried to get out there and lead the team and tried to help us win."

Robertson's effort wouldn't be enough to secure the win.

Miami, behind 12 first half points from Heather Cusick, jumped on Marshall early, taking a 19-2 lead with 14:33 to play in the first half.

The Thundering Herd pulled within 11 at 38-27 with 3:23 left in the half, but the RedHawks scored the next six points to take a 44-27 lead into the locker room.

Miami came out strong after the break, taking a 51-31 lead just over three minutes into the half. Marshall answered with a run of its own, as it fought its way back into the game at 61-57 with 6:06 to play.

The RedHawks proved to be too much though, winning the game 78-68.

Simpson said although the season didn't end the way she hoped, Marshall would be in a good position next year.

"This was our first MAC Tournament game," she said. "Once you experience a playoff game, it's a tremendous plus. Next year we'll be able to get the feel for what has to be done."

"We know now that it has to be done today. You can't wait until tomorrow."

Herd not superstitious

by MICHELLE JAMES
reporter

Marshall's men's basketball team plays host to Buffalo tonight in the first round of the Mid-American Conference Tournament.

The No. 5 seed Thundering Herd, 19-8 overall and 11-7 in conference play, is 2-0 against the No. 12 seed Bulls this season, including an 88-72 Feb. 19 win at Buffalo (5-12, 2-16).

Marshall Coach Greg White said he doesn't think his team will fall victim to the "third time's a charm" superstition.

"People say it's hard to beat a team three times but I don't believe that," White said. "I would much rather be going into the game 2-0 against them versus 1-1 or 0-2 because the more you lose to them, the more doubt you have and we don't have any doubt that we can win the game."

"It's just a matter of going out and carrying out the game plan and doing what we're capable of doing."

White said Marshall has more riding on the outcome of the game than its opponent.

"We have a little more to play for than Buffalo," he said. "We have a chance at post season. Buffalo has struggled."

"We've got the NCAA and the NIT to play for," he added. "We still have the 20th win to play for. There aren't 30 teams in college basketball with 20 wins at this point so we still have a lot to play for."

White said one of the keys to a victory tonight will be mental toughness.

"The keys are for us to play good solid defense and for us



Tamar Slay looks for an open teammate in Saturday's 88-83 home loss to Bowling Green. A season-high 7,015 fans attended the game.

to have a good, solid defense and have a solid offensive attack," he said. "We have to get out and do the things we're capable of doing. We can't have a mental lock down."

White said another key to a Thundering Herd victory will be an attendance similar to Saturday's season-high crowd of 7,015 but added the students would have to make up most of the attendance because of the \$14 cost for the public.

"We had the best student support we've had in four years the last time out and that's tremendous," White said. "The students were fantastic. We've got

the group of White's Wackos now who are up ranting and raving."

"I just thought it was a tremendous atmosphere, he added. "We need a huge student turnout."

Senior forward Derrick Wright agreed.

"It was a great feeling to see all the fans come out and get the support," Wright said. "We've got to have that every night. That's what we need against Buffalo to get the win."

"The fans are like the sixth man on our bench. The fans are just as important as the players. They make a big difference."

Rugby team cruises to three wins at tournament

by JAY M. MORLACHETTA
reporter

Presumably, a name like the Bloody Plucking Tournament would intimidate a visiting team.

But that was not the case for Marshall's men's rugby team.

This weekend, the men's rugby team traveled to Fairmont State University to play in the Bloody Plucking Tournament, which played host to eight teams.

"We dominated the tournament, and we knew we were going to win," said senior Jason Hayes.

Hayes said no points were scored on the Marshall rugby team in its three matches.

"The new guys stepped up and played very well," said junior Jeff

Starcher.

Starcher said the team suffered several injuries in the tournament and rookies players had to fill the gaps.

The team's veterans were impressed with their play, Hayes said.

"In the championship game we had seven B-side players starting because of other players' injuries," Hayes said, "but they all came through."

Senior team captain Chad Carte said he was impressed and encouraged by the performance of some of the team's younger players.

Carte said two of those players were rookies Jeremy Milo and Seth Morrison.

Marshall's rugby team defeat-

ed the West Virginia Men's Club Mon River Mud Lobsters 27-0.

The team's second match against Clarion University was closer for Marshall at 7-0, but the championship game against the University of Pennsylvania-Johnstown was a 26-0 blowout.

"We really kept our heads last weekend, and played some good rugby," Carte said.

"It is not as big of a deal to us now because it has become second nature for our team to win, but a win like this gets us ready for our next tournament."

Carte said the team is likely to play in a men's club Round Robin Tournament this weekend, but the details of the tournament have yet to be worked out.

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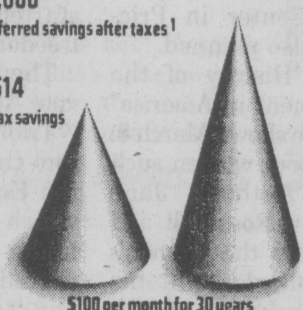
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Marshall to offer Women's History Month events

by DIANE POTTORFF
reporter

Women have made many contributions through the years.

Today, the country and university begins a month-long celebration of their accomplishments.

March is Women's History Month.

The first International Women's Day was March 8, 1911. In 1981, Rep. Barbara Mikulski (D-MD) and Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-UT) co-sponsored a Joint Congressional Resolution proclaiming the week of March 8 National Women's History Week.

In 1986, the National Women's History Project helped expand the celebration to the entire month of March. In 1987 and subsequent years, the National Women's History Month Resolutions have been approved with broad-based, bipartisan support in both the Senate and House, and signed by the President.

The Women's Center on campus has events planned for Women's History Month.

Leah Tolliver, coordinator of the center, said there will be a bulletin board campaign for women in each building.

"Different departments are to decide on a female of accomplishment for the bulletin boards," Tolliver said.

An information table about the different events and the center also will be set up in the Memorial Student Center.

All events are open to the public. Previous Women's History Month speakers include Gloria Steinham and Ruby Dee.

Women of Color Day on March 7 is scheduled to have

poetry reading by Elaine Blue and music by the group SOUL, as well as special speaker Sister Souljah, an author and former rap artist.

The event is scheduled for 7-9:30 p.m. in the MSC Alumni Lounge.

"Sister Souljah will be an excellent speaker and should bring the younger students out," said Fran Jackson, program assistant for the Center for African American Student Programs. "I encourage everyone to come out."

Displays of women are scheduled to student center for the event, Jackson said.

Sandra M. Clements, coordinator of Disabled Student Services, said, "This is the first year to bring in someone of high profile."

Clements also said students would like to hear someone like Maya Angelou speak, but she would cost about \$40,000 for an engagement.

Sister Souljah, raised by her mother in Harlem, attended Cornell University in the advanced placement program and the University of Salamanca in Spain under the exchange program. She majored in African Studies at Rutgers University.

She began her career with a part in a Public Enemy song and music video, "Brothers Gonna Work it Out" and a cameo in "Can't Truss It," in 1990-91.

In January 1992, she signed with Epic Records and released her own album "360 Degrees of Power." The album contained lyrics focusing on police brutality, genocide, rape, sisterhood and global politics.

She has founded, funded and administered an eight-week "youth survival camp" in North

Carolina for children of homeless families. She also has lectured in Africa, Europe and the former Soviet Union.

Sister Souljah has been on "The Oprah Winfrey Show" and MTV's documentary "Racism: Points of View." She has written two books, "No Disrespect" and "The Coldest Winter Ever." A book signing is scheduled to follow the program.

Susan Faludi will speak at the 11th annual Celebration of Women Awards on March 30. The event will focus on the celebration and education of women.

Faludi, a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, has written the books "Backlash: The Undeclared War Against American Women" and "Stiffed: The Betrayal of the American Male" and won a National Book Critics Circle Award.

Achievements and contributions of women on campus are scheduled to be recognized at the event and the Women of Marshall Scholarships and the Eugene Crawford Memorial Scholarship are scheduled to be awarded.

Two lunchbag seminars in the Women's Center in Pritchard Hall are also planned.

"Equality: A History of the Women's Movement in America" is scheduled to be shown March 8.

The film is about women such as Susan B. Anthony, Jane Addams, Eleanor Roosevelt and others involved in the Women's Movement. It also looks at the days of the Revolutionary War with Abigail Adams asking her husband, President John Adams, to remember women when making the Constitution.

Another film, "Votes for Women," is scheduled to be

shown March 15. The film is about the Suffrage Movement beginning in Seneca Falls, N.Y. in 1848. It chronicles the events leading up to the passage of the 19th Amendment.

According to "Century of Struggle," most of the first women who came to the United States were indentured servants.

Under the English common law, women had duties by few rights. Married women could not sign contracts or own property and divorce was given only for the most flagrant abuses.

Anne Hutchinson broke the tradition of women being silent in church by speaking out.

Women also were actively involved in the Revolutionary War. Molly Pitcher took her husband's place and fired cannons before she was discovered.

Women also were the first to produce a large scale factory, a power-operated loom operated by Deborah Skinner in Massachusetts in 1814. By 1817, three other looms were in operation and were ran by women.

Prior to the Civil War, women started to ask for rights and freedoms like the slaves.

They received the right to vote Aug. 26, 1920.

Their struggles continued into the late 20th century with the Equal Rights Amendment, which states that equality under the law shall not be denied by the United States or any state because of sex.

The amendment was introduced into Congress since 1923 and passed in 1972. It failed to be ratified by the July 1982 deadline by the necessary 38 states.



Georgia O'Keefe



Gloria Steinem



Harriet Beecher Stowe



Harriet Tubman



Helen Keller



Jane Addams



Madeline Albright



Maya Angelou



Mother Theresa



Muriel Siebert



Myra Bradwell



Nellie Bly



Ann Bancroft



Susan B. Anthony



Sojourner Truth



Shirley Chisholm



Shannon W. Lucid



Sarah Winnemucca



Sandra Day O'Connor



Sally Ride



Rozanne L. Ridgway



Rosie the Riveter



Rosa Parks



Oprah Winfrey